

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method that enables an initial contractor that receives a request to manufacture a sheet metal product, to ~~have a virtual examination of~~ virtually examine the manufacturing work for the sheet metal product using their own computer, ~~said the~~ method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

a computer of the initial contractor prompting a computer of an outsourcing service center to login to ~~said the~~ computer of the initial contractor;

~~said the~~ computer of the outsourcing center logging in to ~~said the~~ computer of the initial contractor; and

~~said the~~ computer of the outsourcing center thus logged in to ~~said the~~ computer of the initial contractor, operating ~~said the~~ computer of the initial contractor based on instructions related to ~~the~~ a processing edition conference from ~~said the~~ initial contractor.

2. (Currently Amended) The processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ processing edition conference includes ~~a step of~~ creating a control program for an NC machine tool for producing ~~said the~~ sheet metal product.

3. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1, wherein ~~said operating~~ operation of the computer of the initial

contractor in connection with the processing edition conference includes ~~a step of~~ calculating an estimate for the product.

4. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1, ~~wherein a step is included for~~ further comprising accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the initial contractor.

5. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 1, ~~wherein a step is included for~~ further comprising accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.

6. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing system that enables an initial contractor that receives a request to manufacture a sheet metal product, to ~~have a virtual examination of~~ virtually examine the manufacturing work for the sheet metal product using their ~~own~~ computer, said system comprising:

~~means of a~~ a computer of the initial contractor ~~for prompting a~~ configured to prompt a computer of an outsourcing center;

wherein the computer of the initial contractor prompts the computer of an the outsourcing service center to login to said computer of the initial contractor, and the ;

~~means of~~ computer of the outsourcing center ~~for logging logs~~ in to said computer of the initial contractor; and

wherein ~~means of the~~ computer of the outsourcing center, logged in to said computer of the initial contractor, operates ~~for operating~~ said computer of the initial contractor based on instructions related to ~~the~~ a processing edition conference from said initial contractor.

7. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to claim 2, wherein ~~said operating~~ the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with the processing edition conference includes ~~a step of~~ calculating an estimate for the product.

8. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 2, ~~wherein a step is included for~~ further comprising accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ computer of the initial contractor.

9. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 3, further comprising ~~wherein a step is included for~~ accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ computer of the initial contractor.

10. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 7, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the initial contractor.

11. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 2, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.

12. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 3, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.

13. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 4, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ the operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.

14. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 7, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.

15. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 8, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.

16. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 9, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.

17. (Currently Amended) A processing program edition conferencing method according to 10, further comprising wherein a step is included for accumulating data obtained by ~~said operating of said~~ operation of the computer of the initial contractor in connection with ~~said the~~ the processing edition conference, in a memory of ~~said the~~ the computer of the outsourcing service center.